THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVUAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Due to unremunerative nature of the project and acute constraint of resources, it has not been found possible to consider taking up of this project for the present.

Working conditions in Rail Workshops

1806. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the working conditions in some rail workshops are very pathetic and hazardous to the health of the workers;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken in this regard so far;

(c) how many workers of the workshops are suffering from common diseases ; and

(d) whether Railways have prepared any action plan to remove such diseases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Approximately 2% of the workshop workers take treatment for common ailments in a month .which is the same as for other Railway employees.

(d) Indian Railways have a system of monitoring industrial hygiene and occupational illness.

Construction of railway line between Nirmali and Bhaptiyahi

†1807. SHRI RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is Government's plan for reconstruction of railway line between Nirmali and Bhaptiyahi of north-eastern railway which has been washed away due to Kosi river;

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